



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

Events and activities coming up later this month



Sunday 22nd November

Lament Psalm 13

10.15am St Marks at Home Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos>

Followed by the opportunity to chat via zoom

<https://leap.zoom.us/j/98958775682?pwd=TGp6cGYwQ2FVRE1hYjFuNWc2bmViQT09>

6.30pm Evening Worship Prayer course via Zoom

<https://leap.zoom.us/j/94156466959>

Monday 23rd

8-9pm Zoom prayer meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84883733409?pwd=YkdCZ1hWdjAzZEdET3p4bXZSWUhFUT09>

Wednesday 25th

9.30-11am Church open for private prayer

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes can be left in the church on Wednesday mornings (9.30-11) or Monday & Friday during office hours. They will be collected at the beginning of December. <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/important-covid-19-updates/>.

Prayer Course: You can find the videos, discussion questions and lots of other prayer resources at prayercourse.org

Christmas Food Hampers

This year we are going to be giving hampers to our two parish primary schools to go to families who are especially in need of support and encouragement. We would love it if you felt able to contribute to the hampers and we are looking to provide the following for each hamper:

Box of biscuits - one sweet and one savoury

Box of chocolates

Quality squash - ie Robinson's or similar

Hot chocolate

Coffee (instant) and tea bags

Christmas pudding

Chocolate money and choc tree ornaments

Chutney and pickles

Marmalade and jam

Luxury toiletries - shower gel or bubble bath

We want to bless people with quality items that they would not be able to buy.

We will also be including a voucher to buy a turkey/meat, so monetary donations are also welcome.

Please bring all donations in bags labelled 'hampers'.

We're really looking forward to being able to pass these on to our schools.

Donations for hampers by the 6th December; all items still needed. Foodbank/ Hamper items can be left in the Vicarage Porch. Please label them.

Liz McEvoy is trying to run 100 miles before Christmas, to raise money for the Scouts, who have identified 500 groups in vulnerable communities that have been hardest hit by the financial effects of the pandemic, and have launched the Race Round the World to get the Scouting community to help them. 20% of anything raised will stay local, and be given to support struggling groups in the Leamington District. 28 miles down, so only 72 to go...

The link is here: <https://scouts.enthuse.com/pf/liz-mcevoy-f4975>

If you have items to be included in the weekly notice sheet please email office@st-marks.net by 10am Wednesday. Keep in touch via www.st-marks.net or St Mark's Facebook Page. Contact the office to receive this notice sheet by email (or to stop receiving it). Our privacy policy can be found on the website.



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A reminder that we still need a new treasurer.

We are also looking for a new Safeguarding Officer. Please speak to a warden or the vicar if you would like to find out more.

Christmas at St Mark's. Our plans include the following: Streamed services for Christmas Eve Communion and Christmas Day, an 8am Holy Communion Service in Church on Christmas Day, Church open 2-4pm on Sunday 20th December and Christmas Eve, Messy Church in the afternoon on Sunday 13th December, groups from Milverton School coming into church for Experience Christmas and Christingle assemblies for Milverton and Brookhurst schools and a Christmas Postcard to be delivered to the parish. This is of course all if regulations allow it and subject to our own risk assessments. We want to celebrate Christmas and keep everyone safe, so please pray for wisdom as we finalise our plans and keep an eye on your notices for up to date information which will be sent out every week .

Praying for young people. Nikki Hill's small group have been thinking about young people looking for work in these particularly stressful times and are offering to pray for any who are in that situation. If you, or someone you know, would like to be prayed for please email Nikki. If you are asking for someone else, please get their permission first. Names will be kept confidential within the group of people praying. Contact nikkihill14@hotmail.com

SCRIPTURE UNION NOTES

As there is no longer a Christian bookshop in town, you may wish to order SU Bible reading notes for 2021 through (the old!) Ruth Smith who will deliver them to you. Choose from: "Daily Bread" (slightly easier) £4.99 for Jan-Mar or £19.00 for the whole year, or "Encounter with God" (also £4.99 for Jan-Mar. or £19 for the whole year). To order or for more information contact (old!) Ruth on 427613 or ruthsmith5k@talktalk.net by Tues. December 1st

Pray for people and organisations supported by St Mark's

Local

- The Well Christian Healing Centre
- Brookhurst, Milverton & Trinity Schools
- Warwick Gates & New Hope Counselling Centres
- Thrive Youth Ministries & Crossteach
- Beryl Chisholm, Richard Bacon, Darren Mitchell, and all who are part of Christians Against Poverty working to help people escape debt and poverty,
- Leamington College and the St Mark's Chaplaincy Team in their work there
- Craighaven Residential Home
- Leamington Nightshelter & The Way Ahead Project (Homeless Action Project)
- Nightlight and Street Pastors
- Helping Hands
- Foodbank
- Cyrenians Supported Accommodation Service

National and International

- CPAS & Bible Society as they help to spread God's word,
- CORD and their work with refugees
- The Cloud Family
- Open Doors and the persecuted church around the world,
- TEAR Fund as they work to relieve poverty around the world

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The office is now open Monday and Wednesday 9am – 1pm and Friday 9am-12noon. Phone messages can be left at other times. Please phone or email rather than coming in.

Staff meeting Wednesday 11.30am-12.30pm.

Ros (our Children and Families Worker) is now furloughed again and will be working on Tuesdays and Thursdays.